

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/668,825

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11/08/2004 and the interview on 11/23/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 November 2004 & 23 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Mehrman (Reg. No. 40,086) on November 23, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In line 4 of the text of the abstract, the term "licking" was deleted and replaced with --locking-- to incorporate the desired abstract change submitted by applicant in the amendment dated November 8, 2004 into the application to correct an obvious typographical error.

Please note (as discussed below) that the desired specification changes could not be entered because the amendments to the specification were not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 6, line 25, the blank "_____" was deleted and replaced with --10/668,844--.

On page 10, line 2, the term "55" was deleted and replaced with --52--.

On page 11, line 6, the term --75-- was inserted after "screws".

The above changes to the specification were made to incorporate the desired changes that applicant submitted in the amendment dated November 8, 2004 into the application since the specification amendments were not in proper form in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 and therefore could not be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claim changes were made with respect to the claims as amended in the amendment dated November 8, 2004.

In claim 12, line 3, the phrase --configured to be-- was inserted after "clip" (first occurrence) to insure that the claim language is consistent and does not include any structural connection to the print roll.

In claim 12, line 9, the term "rach" was deleted and replaced with --rack-- to correct an obvious typographical error.


In claim 19, line 1, the term "lock-up device" was deleted and replaced with --print roll-- to insure the preamble of claim 19 is consistent with its parent claim.

In claim 19, line 2, the phrase --of the lock-up device-- was inserted after "strip" to insure the claim language is clear.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 am-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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